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SUBJ: PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24

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1. AT COMMITTEE OF 24 MEETING MORNING NOVEMBER 1 PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENCE PARTY (PIP) PRESIDENT PEUBEN BERRIOS MARTINEZ MADE 1 HOUR AND 45 MINUTES SPEECH WHICH, ALTHOUGH ENGAGING IN SOME DETAILED ANALYSIS OF PUERTO RICO'S ECONOMY, ESSENTIALLY REPEATED SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER MANI BRAS CHARGES THAT US. PRACTICES GENOCIDE, TORTURE, SUPPRESSION OF "NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT", POLLUTION, MASS STERIALIZATION AND ASSORTED OTHER CRIMES AGAINST THE PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE.

2. ONE NEW ELEMENT WAS BERRIOS RHETORICAL QUESTION THAT SINCE THE USG ADMITTED SPENDING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO INFLUENCE ELECTIONS IN "INDEPENDENT SOVEREIGN" CHILE, "HOW COULD ANYONE BELIEVE IN VALIDITY OF ELECTIONS IN COLONIAL BASTION SUCH AS PUERTO RICO."

3. BERRIOS ALSO DWELT AT GREAT LENGTHS ON NEWLY INSTITUTED PUERTO RICO FOOD STAMP PROGRAM WHICH HE DESCRIBED

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AS VERY "SOPHISTICATED" MANUEVER TO INHIBIT PUERTO RICAN

SELF DETERMINATION.

4. IN ALMOST THE SAME WORDS USED BY MARI BRAS ON OCTOBER 30 BERRIOS ASKED COMMITTEE OF 24 TO: OBTAIN USG COMPLIANCE WITH RES 1514, REJECT ALL "PAUEDO COLONIAL DEVICES" SUCH AS AD HOC COMMITTEE AND PLEBISCITES WHILE "INTERVENTIONIST FORCES STILL IN PUERTO RICO, RECOGNIZE MEMBERS OF "NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT" AS ONLY REPRESENTATIVES OF PUERTO RICAN PEOPLE, SEND A MISSION FROM THE COMMITTEE TO PUERTO RICO AND TAKE NOTE AND ACTION REGARDING MASSIVE STERILIZATION AND IMMIGRATION PLANS.

5. ALTHOUGH CUBAN PERMREP ALARCON WAS PRESENT THROUGHOUT BERRIOS LONG SPEECH, BERRIOS WAS LESS EFFUSIVE THAN LAST YEAR IN HIS PRAISE OF CUBA. ALARCON, ONLY UN DELEGATE SCHEDULED TO SPEAK ON PUERTO RICO, WILL ADDRESS COMMITTEE OF 24 (OF WHICH CUBA IS NOT A MEMBER) AFTERNOON OF NOVEMBER 1.
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